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A Resolution of The State Mining & Geology Board

THE STATE MINING & GEOLOGY BOARD Sacramento, California

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Resolution Number 2000-04

Certification of the County of Tulare's Surface Mining and Reclamation Ordinance

Number 3238



hereas: Lead agencies with surface mining operations in their jurisdictions are required to adopt ordinances, in accordance with specific criteria, that establish procedures for review and approval of reclamation plans, financial assurances and the issuance of permits to conduct surface mining operations pursuant to Section 2774(a) of the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA; Public Resources Code Sections 2710 et seq.);

hereas: SMARA Section 2774.3 requires that the State Mining and Geology Board (Board) review and certify these local ordinances found to be in compliance with State Policy;

hereas: On May 2, 1981 the Board, by Resolution No. 81-06, adopted the following criteria as constituting the minimum requirements for certification of ordinances;

- The ordinance shall establish procedures for the review and approval of reclamation plans and the issuance of permits to conduct surface mining operations;
- (2) The ordinance shall establish procedures requiring at least one public hearing and annual inspections;
- (3) The ordinance shall neither contradict the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975, nor State Policy for surface mining and reclamation as adopted by the Board, and;

hereas: the County of Tulare submitted Surface Mining Ordinance 3238 relating to surface mining and reclamation; and the Board's Joint Committee, having reviewed the ordinance, finds that it meets the certification criteria;

herefore, now be it resolved: The State Mining and Geology Board certifies that the County of Tulare's Surface Mining Ordinance Number 3238 is in compliance with State Policy governing the regulation of surface mining and reclamation in California.

Adopted June 15, 2000:	
	Robert E. Grunwald, Chairman